

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claim 8 is amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 8, and 20 are independent.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to the Applicant's representative during the personal interview on December 2, 2004. During the personal interview, the Examiners agreed that the claims distinguish over the applied references.

The above amendment is made only to correct an informality and not for narrowing the scope of the claims or for any reason related to a statutory requirement for patentability.

Applicant also notes that, notwithstanding any claim amendments herein or later during prosecution, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements.

II. THE PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

As agreed by Examiners Nguyen and Urban during the December 2, 2004 personal interview, none of the applied references teaches or suggests the features of the claimed invention including: 1) a transmitting circuit that is reconfigured afresh in relation to the mounting and demounting of the transmitting function part (claim 1); and 2) a detachable transmitting function part that conditions a transmission frequency signal received from the transmitting circuit (claims 1, 8, and 20).

During the personal interview, Examiner Nguyen alleged that the application module 100 disclosed by the Thompson reference corresponds to the detachable transmitting function part recited by claim 1 and that the wireless communication circuit 90 disclosed by the Thompson

reference corresponds to the transmitting and receiving circuits recited by claim 1.

Applicant's representative pointed out that the Thompson reference does not teach or suggest that the wireless communication circuit 90 is "reconfigured afresh with software program updating" as recited by claim 1. Rather, the Thompson reference merely discloses that a resident memory 84 in cooperation with processor 80 may upload and download applications from application modules 100. (Col. 10, lines 55-65). Further, the Thompson reference only describes the wireless communication circuits 90 at col 13, lines 11-25 and does not teach or suggest that the wireless communication circuit 90 may be "reconfigured afresh with software program updating" as recited by claim 1. Thus, the Thompson reference only discloses that the memory 84 may be "reconfigured."

Therefore, contrary to the Examiner's allegation the wireless communication circuit 90 cannot correspond to the transmitting and receiving circuits because the wireless communication circuit is not "capable of being reconfigured afresh with software program updating," let alone being "reconfigured afresh in relation to the mounting and demounting of said transmitting function part" as recited by claim 1.

During the personal interview, Examiner Nguyen conceded that the Thompson reference does not teach or suggest that the "detachable transmitting function part conditions a transmission frequency signal received from said transmitting circuit" as recited by claim 1. Examiner Nguyen then alleged that the Buhrmann et al. reference remedies this deficiency.

In particular, Examiner Nguyen alleged that the pager 5 that is disclosed by the Buhrmann et al. reference corresponds to a "detachable transmitting function part [that] conditions a

transmission frequency signal received from said transmitting circuit” as recited by claim 1.

Applicant’s representative pointed out that, contrary to Examiner Nguyen’s allegation, that the pager 5 that is disclosed by the Buhrmann et al. reference does not “condition a transmission frequency that is received from [a] transmitting circuit” as recited by claim 1.

Indeed, the pager 5 that is disclosed by the Buhrmann et al. reference does not receive any transmission frequency at all, let alone a transmission frequency from a transmitting circuit.

Examiners Nguyen and Urban then agreed that the applied references do not teach or suggest the features of the claimed invention.

II. FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and the agreement reached with Examiner Nguyen and Urban during the personal interview on December 2, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-28, all the claims presently pending in the Application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the Application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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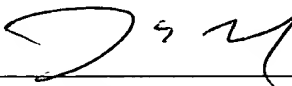
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